

PATENT APPLICATION Do. No. 3981-5

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Eugene W. Lee

Serial No. 09/676,046

Examiner: Brian D. Nguyen

Confirmation No. 9832

Filed: September 28, 2000

Group Art Unit: 2661

SCHEDULING AND ARBITRATION SCHEME FOR NETWORK For:

PROCESSING DEVICE

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Responsive to the Office Action, dated January 21, 2004, please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

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Responsive to the Office Action dated January 21, 2004, enclosed is an amendment in the Center 2600 above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED					
For:	Number After Amendment	Previous Number	Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	31	31-30*	1	x \$18 =	\$18
Independent Claims	6	6-3**	3	x \$86 =	\$258
Extension of Time – 3 rd					\$950
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$1,226

^{*}greater of twenty (20) or number for which fee has been paid

Applicant petitions the Commissioner to extend the time for response. The extension fee is included and a duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.

PTO Form 2038 authorizing credit card payment for the above-listed fees is enclosed.

Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to deposit account number 13-1703.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGER JOHNSON & McCOLLOM, P.C.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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